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# PEYTON'S PEERLESS PEONIES



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## FOREWORD.

**F**OR THE past six years I have been growing peonies mainly for pleasure, and in that time have built up a collection which includes in its approximately 750 varieties, practically all the best in the world. Of these I have selected the following varieties of which I have a surplus stock, to offer to my peony loving friends, at prices as cheap as can well be made. The ones offered include the very best in existence today. There are very few mediocre ones. This list will be added to each year as my stock of the best varieties increases. I never intend to offer any bad peonies. My peonies have attracted very favorable attention wherever they have been shown and last year won a First Class Certificate of Merit at the joint exhibition of the American Iris Society and the American Horticultural Society in Washington, D. C.

**PREPARATION FOR PLANTING.**—Prepare your ground as long before you wish to plant as possible. Trench it as deeply as you have time and patience to do. Three feet will not hurt, though you will get good results with only fifteen inches. The entire trench should be filled with as good soil as it is possible to get. Well rotted manure may be used in the bottom of the trench, thoroughly mixing it with the soil. No manure should ever be allowed to come in contact with the roots. Bone meal is the best fertilizer to use, from a handful up to a quart to each plant, according to the size of the plant. Keep this away from the stems.

**PLANTING** should always be done in the fall, from September 15 to hard freezing weather. October is an ideal month here. Plant the roots with the eyes about two inches below the normal surface of the ground. If your ground has not well settled, plant the eyes at the surface and cover with six inches of good dirt. They will settle to the proper depth. If planted too deeply they may not bloom.

Peonies should be kept well cultivated. They like plenty of water before blooming. They should be kept away from trees and shrubs and planted in full sun or with shade only a part of the day. They will grow and bloom with a minimum of care and attention, but they will repay any labor expended on them. Be very careful never to break the eyes or stems when planting or cultivating. Do not dig down to see if they are still living in the spring. Have patience. They will come in their own good time.

Plant at least three feet apart each way, and four is much better. They will fill the space in a few years. Remember when once planted a peony will usually last a lifetime and it should be left alone.

The roots furnished will have at least two good eyes and an adequate root system. They are guaranteed true to name. I cannot guarantee results. Transportation will be paid by me. They will usually be shipped by parcel post. Cash must accompany the order. I can usually quote you on any variety not listed. Your questions will be cheerfully answered. Order early or the stock may be exhausted. No substitutions will be made.

## PEYTON'S PEERLESS PEONIES.

**T**HIS list contains the very best peonies for growing in this section of the country, regardless of price. The number in front of each variety is the rating given by the American Peony Society, ten being perfect.

	Price Each
8.5 ADOLPH ROUSSEAU, one of the best reds, midseason .....	\$ 1.25
8.6 CHERRY HILL, brilliant red, tall and early .....	10.00
7.8 DUC DE WELLINGTON, white with cream collar, midseason ..	.50
8.1 DUCHESSE DE NEMOURS, white, collar tinted cream and green	.50
7.6 EDULIS SUPERBA, dark pink, very early and fragrant, indispensible .....	.50

Price Each

8.6	EUGENIE VERDIER, light pink, midseason .....	1.00
9.3	FESTIVA MAXIMA, the best known white, red blotches, early ..	.50
8.3	GIGANTEA, a giant pink, midseason .....	1.00
8.7	JAMES KELWAY, white, very large, one of the best, midseason.	2.00
7.9	JEANNE D'ARC, pink, yellow and red, very beautiful, midseason	.50
8.9	JUBILEE, very large feathery white, weak stem, midseason ....	3.00
8.6	JUDGE BERRY, very large light pink, early .....	5.00
8.8	KARL ROSENFELD, one of the best reds, midseason .....	2.00
9.8	KELWAY'S GLORIOUS, rightly named, the best, white, late midseason .....	15.00
9.1	LADY ALEXANDRA DUFF, The Long-Lost Peony, beautiful light pink .....	4.00
9.9	LE CYGNE, the highest rated of all, a wonderful white, midseason	10.00
9.0	LONGFELLOW, the brightest red, midseason .....	5.00
9.4	MME. JULES DESSERT, white tinted pink and salmon, midseason	3.50
9.2	MONS. JULES ELIE, early pink of great beauty .....	1.00
8.8	MONS. MARTIN CAHUSAC, the darkest red, midseason .....	2.50
9.9	MRS. EDWARD HARDING, a very famous and very fine white, midseason .....	25.00
	NELLIE, a beautiful pink single, midseason .....	3.00
8.5	OCTAVIE DEMAY, pink and white, very dainty, early .....	1.00
9.2	PHILIPPE RIVOIRE, highest rated red, very sweet, late .....	15.00
7.7	PHILOMELE, pink and yellow, midseason, very distinct .....	1.00
8.9	PRIDE OF LANGPORT, the best single pink, midseason .....	6.00
8.6	PRIMEVERE, the best near yellow, midseason .....	2.50
8.7	REINE HORTENSE, very beautiful pink, midseason .....	2.00
9.0	SARAH BERNHARDT, late pink, very fine .....	2.00
9.7	SOLANGE, marvelous coloring, cream tinted brown, late ....	5.00
9.8	THERESE, the best peony for general planting, pink, early ....	5.00
9.4	TOURANGELLE, the most beautifully colored light pink, late ..	5.00

### BEST STANDARD PEONIES.

8.7	ALBATRE or AVALANCHE, white, late midseason .....	\$ .75
9.0	BARONESS SCHROEDER, white, late midseason .....	1.00
7.1	CANDIDISSIMA, white, early .....	.50
8.1	COURONNE D'OR, white with ring of yellow stamens, late ...	.50
7.6	DELICATISSIMA, pink, late midseason .....	.50
8.4	FELIX CROUSSE, good red, midseason .....	.75
7.9	GLOIRE DE CHARLES GOMBAULT, several shades of pink, midseason .....	1.00
7.3	GOLDEN HARVEST, practically identical with Jeanne d'Arc ...	.50
8.5	LA PERLE, a very beautiful pink, rather poor doer, late .....	1.50
7.2	L'ECLATANTE, red, late midseason .....	.50
	LEONARD KELWAY, good tricolor, white, pink and yellow, early	.75
8.1	LIVINGSTONE, pink, late midseason .....	1.00
7.8	LORD ROSEBURY, red, late midseason .....	1.00
8.1	MADAME CALOT, early pink, very good, dependable .....	.50
6.5	MADAME COSTE, light pink and white, not dependable, early ..	.50
7.9	MADAME CROUSSE, good white, midseason .....	.50
7.9	MADAME DE VERNEVILLE, beautiful white tinted pink, early..	.50
7.9	MADAME DUCEL, like a large pink chrysanthemum, midseason..	1.00
8.9	MADAME EMILE LEMOINE, one of the best whites, late mid- season .....	1.50
7.7	MADAME FOREL, dark pink, late midseason .....	1.00
7.5	MARECHAL VAILLANT, late red .....	.50

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8.4	MARGUERITE GERARD, very light pink, midseason .....	1.00
	MARIE D'HOUE, very fine pink, midseason .....	1.50
8.5	MARIE LEMOINE, the standard late white .....	1.00
7.8	MODESTE GUERIN, dark pink, good, midseason .....	1.00
8.3	MONS. DU PONT, good late white .....	1.00
7.5	PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, red, not striking, late midseason ..	.50
	QUEEN VICTORIA or WHITLEYII, the oldest of all, white midseason .....	.50
	SIR T. J. LIPTON, good tall red, midseason .....	1.00
7.8	TRIOMPHE DE L'EXPOSITION DE LILLE, fine pink, midseason .....	1.00
7.4	UMBELLATA ROSEA, good early pink .....	.75
7.6	VIRGINIE, light pink, midseason .....	1.00

### SOME OF THE NEWEST AND BEST.

8.8	ALSACE LORRAINE, creamy white, late midseason .....	4.00
7.9	AVIALEUR REYMOND, red .....	5.00
8.9	ENCHANTERESSE, beautiful late white, rarely opens .....	7.50
8.7	KELWAY'S EXQUISITE, very beautiful pink, midseason .....	10.00
9.1	FRANCES WILLARD, fine white, midseason .....	2.50
9.2	LA FEE, dainty pink, midseason .....	15.00
8.8	LAURA DESSERT, very fine near yellow, midseason .....	10.00
8.1	MILE. ROUSSEAU, white and pink splashed red, midseason ...	2.00
9.1	MARTHA BULLOCH, immense pink, late midseason .....	10.00
9.4	MARY WOODBURY SHAYLOR, beautiful creamy pink, midseason	15.00
9.3	MRS. C. S. MINOT, one small division white and pink, late ...	50.00
9.	MILTON HILL, beautiful pink, late, will rarely open here ....	4.00
9.1	NYMPHOEAE, very beautiful white, midseason .....	5.00
8.5	OPAL, beautiful light pink, midseason .....	5.00
8.8	PHYLLIS KELWAY, splendid pink, late midseason .....	5.00
9.0	RAOUL DESSERT, pretty pink, late midseason .....	7.50
8.8	RICHARD CARVEL, early red, excellent .....	5.00
8.0	SUZETIE, vivid pink, midseason .....	3.00
9.3	WALTER FAXON, very vivid pure pink, late midseason .....	5.00
	WHITE JAPAN, white single, midseason .....	3.00
9.1	WHITE SWAN, very fine white single, midseason .....	5.00

I HOPE to have a fine collection of Japanese and single types to offer in the near future. If you are interested, let me quote you prices on some. The four singles I offer you in the above lists, Pride of Langport, Nellie, White Japan and White Swan are as good as can be bought.

### A TESTIMONIAL.

\_\_\_\_\_, Va., May 1, 1925.

My dear Mr. Peyton:

I meant to write you as soon as the peonies showed above ground to tell you how fine they are. Every one is growing nicely and nearly all will bloom this year.

Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_, Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ all report good luck with their roots, and we are enthusiastic over the stock which you sent us.

Very truly yours,

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

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